**Pending cases in Delhi courts**

2102. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several lakh criminal and civil cases are pending in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on the 1st January, 2005;

(c) what is the existing strength of Judicial Officers in Delhi and whether it is sufficient to cope with the existing pending cases and if not, whether Government propose to increase the strength of Judicial Officers; and

(d)if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) There are 590115 criminal and 133354 civil cases pending in Delhi as on 1.1.2005.

(b) The details of the cases pending as on 1.1.2005 are as given below:

| | Criminal cases | Civil cases |
|---|---|---|
| Distt. & Session Courts | 11365 | 27240 |
| MACT cases | — | 12845 |
| Industrial tribunal Cases | — | 1494 |
| Labour court cases | — | 21291 |
| Magisterial trial cases | 578750 | — |
| Senior/Civil Judges Trial cases | — | 60700 |
| Trial cases | — | 9784 |

(c) Existing strength in Delhi Higher Judicial Service is 135 and existing strength in Delhi Judicial Service is 154.

Sanctioned strength in Delhi Higher Judicial Service is 174 and sanctioned strength in Delhi Judicial Service is 218.

(d) The Delhi High Court has already made recommendations to the Government of NCT of Delhi for increase in the cadre strength of Delhi HigherJudicial Service from 174 to191 and of Delhi judicial Service from 218 to 245. The High Court has also made recommendations to the Government of NCT of Delhi for establishing 224 magisterial courts for dealing with the cases pertaining to Negotiable Instruments Act.